GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Cost of Air Travel
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of long distance air travel in the country is Rs. 5/- per kilometer which is equivalent to auto rickshaw fares, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the demand for aviation services in the country is continuously increasing, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 16 crore people in the country either travelled on a domestic or international flight last fiscal compared to 13 crore people who travelled in air conditioned rail coaches; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in the Government to meet growing demand in aviation sector?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): No such analysis has been carried out by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). However, number of passenger travelled and corresponding growth in domestic as well as international during the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 (Provisional) is as follows:;
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Year Domestic International;
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Passenger % Change over ; Passenger; % Change over
(In Million) previous year (In Million) previous year
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2014-15 70.1 15% 45.7 6%;
2915-16 85.2 22% 49.8 9%;
2016-17 103.7 22% 54.7 10%;
(Provisional);

The development of airport infrastructure is a continuous process, which depends on the forecast of demand. Government has already prepared action plan for meeting the high growth in domestic air passenger traffic by constructing new Terminal Building, expanding existing Terminal Buildings, operationalizing the non-operational airports/ airstrips and constructing Civil Enclaves in defence airports.